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Batista Aide Guilty in Haiti Invasion Plot

MIAMI (AP)—A former aide to Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista and five companions were convicted in federal court yesterday of conspiring to invade Haiti and overthrow its president.

The jury of 11 men and one woman also returned a guilty verdict against the six on a charge of attempting to export war munitions to a foreign country.

The charges stemmed from a Jan. 2 raid on a hideout in the Florida Keys by federal agents. The raiders arrested 72 members of a well-armed band.

The defendants included Rolando Masferrer, one-time aide to Batista, and the Rev. Jean Baptiste Georges, an exiled Haitian priest.

U.S. Dist. Judge Ted Cabot ordered a presentence investigation. The six face maximum total fines of $35,000 each and imprisonment of up to seven years.

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